



Redmond
WASHINGTON

**Connected Community
Enhanced Livability
Environmental Sustainability**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people should have access to safe, healthy, and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines affordable housing as "as housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities."; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that each \$100 increase in median rent results in a 15% increase in homelessness in metro areas and a 39% increase in homelessness in nearby suburbs and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many existing financial constraints for low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recognizes safe, healthy, and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors, businesses, employers, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the need for affordable homes across King County prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of people experiencing homelessness had remained at crisis levels; and

WHEREAS, united to raise public awareness, people, organizations, and communities throughout King County are participating in local Affordable Housing Week activities to elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond endorses the goals, objectives, and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and in doing so, firmly recommits itself to ensuring that our community's recovery from the crises at hand is equitable, and that all people in Redmond live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 8th to 14th as,

AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK

and ask Redmond residents to join advocates and communities throughout King County in taking action to shine a light on this important issue in our city, state and nation.



Angela Birney, Mayor

May 8, 2022

Date

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